

**Minutes of Special Meeting of March 18, 2015 (Council Priorities Workshop)
One Twin Pines Lane, Belmont, CA (Emergency Operations Center)**

CALL TO ORDER: 2:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Wright, Reed, Lieberman, Stone, Braunstein

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: None

City Council Priority Setting - The City Council will review the existing Council Priorities and consider adopting Priorities and Policies for Fiscal Year 2015/2016.

Finance Director Fil provided demographic factors, home sales prices, unemployment statistics, revenue and expenditure fiscal indicators and factors, projected general fund balances, and an organizational overview. He also described the capital planning process and outlined strategies for addressing deferred maintenance needs.

Finance Director Fil summarized the budget policies.

City Manager Scoles described the priority review process. He reviewed projects completed or on which progress was made during the past year. He outlined modifications made to a variety of policy issues.

Discussion ensued regarding shared fire services with the cities of San Mateo and Foster City.

City Manager Scoles reviewed the priorities that were identified during last year's priority process.

Discussion ensued regarding housing needs, implementation of components of the Ralston Corridor plan, athletic field improvements, a nonprofit parks foundation, and the Barrett Community Center.

Council concurred that the completion of the Davey Glen park project was a primary priority, and that open space planning should be moved to policy rather than remain a project.

Discussion ensued regarding other priorities, and modifications were made to descriptions. Discussion also ensued regarding potential new policies and initiatives to address.

Council concurred to re-establish an economic development subcommittee, to move forward with the establishment of a Youth Council, training, communication and orientation opportunities for commissioners, and wireless installation ordinance update.

Finance Director Fil pointed out that the business license ordinance would be brought forward to the City Council in the coming months.

Discussion ensued regarding staffing needs.

Councilmember Lieberman suggested having a future discussion regarding the potential of a future ballot measure for making the city clerk and city treasurer as appointed positions. He also suggested consideration for addressing sustainability.

Community Development Director de Melo suggested that sustainability could be addressed in the General Plan update.

Councilmember Stone suggested addressing facility needs at Fire Station 15.

Councilmember Reed suggested finding ways to address water use by the City.

RECESS: 4:20 P.M.
RECONVENE: 4:35 P.M.

FY 14/15 Council Contingency Allocation - The City Council will consider allocation of the remaining \$259,000 in contingency funds for FY 14/15.

Discussion ensued regarding the proposed projects on the contingency fund list, and discussion ensued regarding the genesis of the specific projects.

Council concurred to fund changes to the tree ordinance, replacement of the Alexander Park restroom, downtown sidewalk repairs, the Ralston Avenue Emergency Storm Replacement, public information efforts, and emergency streetlight repair.

ACTION: On a motion by Councilmember Reed, seconded by Councilmember Stone, Resolution 2015-034 Allocating \$500,000 in Contingency Funding Towards FY 2015 Council Priorities was unanimously approved.

Council Meeting Schedule - The Council will consider modifying the Council meeting schedule

Discussion ensued regarding cancellation of meetings for a summer break.

ACTION: On a motion by Councilmember Stone, seconded by Councilmember Wright, the July 28, August 11, and December 22, 2015 council meetings were unanimously cancelled.

ADJOURNMENT at this time, being 5:15 P.M.

Terri Cook
City Clerk